Position of Tataguni estate of late Dr. Svyatoslav Roerich

3334. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the position of 486-acre Tataguni Estate of the orientologist and renowned painter the late Dr. Svyatoslav Roerich;

(b) why is it not possible for the Centre to acquire it as a national heritage and turn it into a museum with its precious pieces of art and artefacts; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Russia has offered to remove the remains of their cultural icon to St. Petersburg?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Enquiry proceeding against General Manager Ashoka Hotel

3335. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enquiry proceedings have been initiated against General Manager, Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the charges/allegations for which the enquiry proceedings have been initiated; and

(c) by when the inquiry report is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. So far no enquiry proceedings have been initiated against General Manager, Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Protecting Remnants anti-colonial struggle in Goa

3336. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is interested to protect and preserve the places of historical importance particularly those concerning, anti-colonial struggle of our country; and

(b) if so, details of how Government is planning to protect the rich history of anti-colonial struggles against Portuguese occupation in Goa and maintenance of the Goa Central Jail which was used to detain the leaders of Goa Liberation Movement?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Fort Aguada and its lower fortifications have already been declared protected as monuments of national importance. The Central Jail of Goa which is housed in a part of Fort Aguada, is under the administrative control of the Goa Government.

Renovation of ancient historical monuments in Tamil Nadu

3337. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to renovate the ancient monuments and historical temples of Tamil Nadu to attract more foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds allocated by Government to carry out such renovations during the last five years; and

(d) what is the total amount utilized during this period State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The monuments are conserved and maintained as per Archaeological norms.

(c) and (d) The expenditure incurred for the last five years are as follows:

Year	Expenditure
1996-97	Rs. 53,52,769/-
1997-98	Rs. 80,56,625/-
1998-99	Rs. 67,20,702/-
1999-2000	Rs. 76,85,098/-
2000-2001	Rs. 8178,268/-
2001-2002	Rs. 3,04,009/-